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SUMMARY. DURING MEETING NOVEMBER 19, EWG HELD FINAL DISCUSSION OF REVISED DRAFT REPORT ON BASIC ISSUES OF DEFENSE PLANNING (REFTEL A AND C), DURING WHICH IT FINALIZED KEY PARAGRAPHS ON AIRCRAFT SHELTERS AND WAR RESERVES. EWG AGREED TO US POSITION CONCERNING INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING FOR 70 PERCENT SHELTERING OF US RAPID REACTOR FORCES DEPLOYING TO THE CONTINENT BY M PLUS 3. COMPLETED REPORT WILL BE CONSIDERED DURING NOV 27 MEETING OF THE DPC PERMREPS. END SUMMARY.

1. SHELTERS FOR AIRCRAFT AND PROTECTION OF AIRFIELDS. JUST PRIOR TO THE EWG MEETING, THE FRG REP AND THE US REP (B/G BOWMAN) REACHED AGREEMENT ON ADDITIONAL RATIONALE FOR PROVIDING SHELTERS
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FOR RAPID REACTION AIRCRAFT. THESE ARGUMENTS TOGETHER WITH APPROPRIATE CONCLUSIONS WERE PRESENTED AT THE MEETING AS A JOINT US-FRG PROPOSAL. CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION FOLLOWED ON THE DESIRABILITY OF RECOMMENDING AN INCREASE IN THE NATO SHELTER

PROGRAM. THE SHAPE REP (B/G MILLER, USA) PROVIDED STRONG SUPPORT FOR A SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATION TO MINISTERS. THE EWG APPROVED THE NEW TEXT WITH MINOR CHANGES. CONSLUSIONS SUBJECT TO EDITORIAL CHANGES FOLLOW: BEGIN QUOTE.

19. IN THE LIGHT OF THE ABOVE IT IS PROPOSED THAT COUNTRIES SHOULD:

(A) TAKE NOTE OF THE VERY GREAT IMPORTANCE ATTACHED TO PROVIDING ADEQUATE PROTECTION FOR NATO'S AIRCRAFT ON THE GROUND; AN, IN PARTICULAR:

(I) EXPEDITE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SHELTERS IN THE CURRENT NATO PROGRAMME;

(II) SUPPORT INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAMMING FOR THE REMAINING SHELTERS NEEDED TO PROVIDE 70 PERCENT COVERAGE FOR ALL TACTICAL COMBAT AIRCRAFT ASSIGNED OR EARMARKED TO THE ACE AREA, INCLUDING THE REINFORCING RAPID REACTION FORCES FROM THE UNITED STATES. THE NATO MILITARY AUTHORITIES, IN CONJUNCTION WITH COUNTRIES, SHOULD DETERMINE DEPLOYMENT PLANS AND CONSIDER PRIORITIES IN PROVIDING SHELTERING FOR THESE REINFORCING AIRCRAFT. PLANS SHOULD BE COMPLETED EARLY ENOUGH TO PERMIT CONSTRUCTION OF THESE ADDITIONAL SHELTERS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE COMPLETION OF THE CURRENT EDIP SHELTER PROGRAMME ON THE CONTINENT, IN ORDER TO MEET A TARGET DATE OF END-1976;

(B) PENDING THE OUTCOME OF STUDIES UNDER SUBPARA C BELOW, CONSIDER THE ALLOCATION OF NATIONAL FUNDS TO PROVIDE SHELTERS BEYOND 70 PERCENT OF ALL ASSIGNED/EARMARKED AIRCRAFT IN ACE AND CONTINUE WITHOUT DELAY THE ACTIVE AIR DEFENSE AND OTHER MEASURES CALLED FOR IN SACEUR'S PROGRAMME FOR THE PHYSICAL PROTECTION OF AIRFIELDS;

(C) AGREE THAT FURTHER STUDIES SHOULD BE CARRIED OUT INTO:

(I) THE DESIRABILITY AND COST-EFFECTIVENESS OF USING
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INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDS TO PROVIDE SHELTERS FOR 100 PERCENT OF AIRCRAFT ASSIGNED/EARMARKED TO ACE, AND TO PROVIDE SHELTERS FOR AUGMENTATION FORCES;

(II) THE NEED FOR A SHELTER PROGRAMME AND ASSOCIATED PROTECTIVE MEASURES IN THE UNITED KINGDOM;

(D) ENCOURAGE ALL POSSIBLE COOPERATION IN INCREASING THE COLLOCATED BASES FOR THE BED-DOWN OF UNITED STATES AUGMENTATION AIRCRAFT AND CONSIDER THE PROVISION OF INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDS FOR THE NECESSARY NEW FACILITIES AT SUCH BASES. END QUOTE.

2. WAR RESERVES. DURING NOVEMBER 19 MEETING, EWG ADOPTED

WAR RESERVE STOCKS PORTION OF REVISED DRAFT (REFTEL A AND C)
WITHOUT SIGNIFICATN CHANGE.

3. DEFENSE AGAINST ARMOR. EWG ADOPTED ANTI-ARMOR PORTION OF
REVISED DRAFT (REFTELS A, C AND D) WITH FOLLOWING CHANGES:

A. CHANGE PARA 32A REVISED DRAFT (REFTEL C AND D) TO READ:
BEGIN QUOTE: AS AN INTERIM MEASURE ADOPT NOT LATER THEN END-1974
NATIONAL PROCUREMENT PROGRAMS FOR THE ACQUISITION OF MODERN ANTI-
ARMOR WEAPONS IN ORDER TO IMPROVE THE EQUIPMENT OF THEIR FORCES
AND TO EXPEDITE THE REPLACEMENT OF OLDER LESS CAPABLE WEAPONS
WHEREVER POSSIBLE ON A ONE-FOR-ONE BASIS. END QUOTE.

B. CHANGE FIRST SENTENCE OF PARA 32B REVISED DRAFT (REFTEL
C) TO READ: BEGIN QUOTE: EXAMINE THE REPORTS OF THE DRG AND
THE CNAD WITH A VIEW TO ESTABLISHING FURTHER FOLLOW-ON NATIONAL
PROGRAMMES FOR PROVIDING INCREASED DENSITIES OF WEAPONS IN
MANEUVER BATTALIONS BASED ON NATIONAL STUDIES. END QUOTE

4. COMMENT. FINAL VERSION OF EWG REPORT ON BASIC ISSUES OF
DEFENSE PLANNING WILL BE TRANSMITTED IN TOTAL WHEN RELEASED
BY INTERNATIONAL STAFF APPROXIMATELY NOVEMBER 20. END COMMENT.
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